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SUBJECT: LEBANESE ARMED FORCES

1. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR EMBASSY TO ANALYZE THE CONDITION OF THE LEBANESE ARMY AND ITS PROSPECTS, PUTTING INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS OF CONFESSIONAL SPLITS, DEMORALIZATION, ITS FIGHTING RECORD IN JANUARY, AWOL, DESERTION, AND MUTINY PROBLEMS, AND PRESENT ATTITUDES OF PLO, SYRIA, GOL, AND OTHER FACTIONS TOWARDS BOTH ARMED FORCES AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE.

2. IN THIS ANALYSIS, YOU MIGHT OFFER SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW U.S. MIGHT BE HELPFUL--DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY--IN PRESERVING ARMED FORCES AS MAJOR INSTITUTION ON LEBANESE SCENE, EVEN IF IT ASSUMES ALTERED FORM OR DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES. PROBABLE SYRIAN ROLE AND ATTITUDES WILL HAVE TO FIGURE IN YOUR ANALYSIS. KISSINGER

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